

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An automatic tee-up device, comprising:

a golf ball reservoir;

a platform with a groove for a golf ball to travel from the reservoir to a tee, with the tee movable from below a level of the golf ball in the groove to above the level of the golf ball in the groove; and

a ball ejector disposed to eject golf balls one at a time from the reservoir onto the groove;

a lever that projects from the platform and that actuates the ball ejector and the tee;

wherein after the golf ball is ejected by the ejector, the golf ball travels on the groove to the tee and is raised by the tee into a position suitable for striking with a golf club;

wherein the ball ejector and the tee are actuated by moving an end of the [[a]] ~~lever that projects from the platform in a horizontal arc;~~ and

wherein the lever is disposed to be actuated by a head of the golf club ~~moved in a horizontal arc.~~

2. (Original) An automatic tee-up device as in claim 1, wherein the platform includes a mat that has the groove.

3. (Original) An automatic tee-up device as in claim 2, wherein the mat with the groove is removable from the rest of the platform.

4. (Original) An automatic tee-up device as in claim 2, wherein the platform includes at least one other mat positioned where a golfer stands on the platform.

5. (Currently Amended) An automatic tee-up device as in claim 1, wherein the ball ejector operates in conjunction with an agitating block within the golf ball reservoir so as to eject the golf balls one at a time and so as to agitate golf balls in the reservoir.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) An automatic tee-up device as in claim 1 [[6]], wherein the lever is connected to a ramp and the tee is connected to a tapered block that rests on the ramp such that movement of the ramp causes the tee to raise or to lower.

9. (Original) An automatic tee-up device as in claim 8, wherein the tee is removable so as to facilitate replacement of the tee.

10. (Original) An automatic tee-up device as in claim 6, wherein different positions of the lever correspond to different tee heights, and wherein the platform further includes a scale adjacent the lever corresponding to the tee heights.

11. (Original) An automatic tee-up device as in claim 1, further comprising one or more leveler feet on which the platform rests, the leveler feet permitting the platform to be leveled.

12. (Original) An automatic tee-up device as in claim 1, wherein the platform further includes at least one hinge by which the platform can be folded up.

13. (Original) An automatic tee-up device as in claim 12, wherein the groove is in a removable mat on the platform;

wherein the platform includes at least two mats positioned where a golfer stands on the platform; and

wherein a seam between the two mats aligns with the hinge.

14. (Original) An automatic tee-up device as in claim 12, wherein further including at least two wheels disposed for moving the automatic tee-up device when the platform is folded up.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of using an automatic tee-up device, comprising the steps of:

actuating a lever to cause a ball ejector to eject golf balls one at a time from a golf ball reservoir onto a platform with a groove for a golf ball to travel from the reservoir to a tee; and

actuating the lever to cause the tee to raise the golf ball, with the tee movable from below a level of the golf ball in the groove to above the level of the golf ball in the groove;

wherein after the golf ball is ejected by the ejector, the golf ball travels on the groove to the tee and is raised by the tee into a position suitable for striking with a golf club;

wherein an end of the lever is actuated by being moved in a horizontal arc and is disposed to be actuated by a head of the golf club ~~moved in a horizontal arc~~.

16. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 15, wherein the ball ejector operates in conjunction with an agitating block within the golf ball reservoir so as to eject the golf balls one at a time and so as to agitate golf balls in the reservoir.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) A method as in claim 15, wherein the lever is connected to a ramp and the tee is connected to a tapered block that rests on the ramp such that movement of the ramp causes the tee to raise or to lower.

19. (Original) A method as in claim 15, wherein different positions of the lever correspond to different tee heights, and wherein the platform further includes a scale adjacent the lever corresponding to the tee heights.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Canceled)